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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION-WORKING GROUP REPORT ON
CASES UNDER ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503

1. A SINGLE COPY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF
THE WORKING GROUP (WG) ON THE ECOSOC RES 1503 CASES
WAS RECEIVED BY USDEL FEBURARY 10. REPORT WILL SERVE
AS BASIS FOR HRC DISCUSSION OF 1503 CASES UNDER AGENDA
ITEM 6(A). COPIES HAVE BEEN AIR POUCHED TO IO/UNP.

2. WORKING GROUP, WHICH MET IN GENEVA FROM
JANUARY 27-31, 1975, CONSISTED OF COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM GHANA, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN AND YUGOSLAVIA.
THE FIFTH MEMBER FROM PANAMA WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND.

3. FOLLOWING ARE WG COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS
ON EACH OF 11 CASES CONSIDERED:

(A) BRAZIL- WG RECOMMENDS FURTHER STUDY UNDER
WCOSOC RES 1503, PREFERABLY IN LIGHT OF OBSERVATIONS
WHICH GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL MAY WISH TO FURNISH HRC.
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INTENT TO FURNISH OBSERVATIONS.)

(B) BURUNDI- NO FURTHER ACTION CALLED FOR UNDER ECOSOC RES 1503. WG RECOMMENDS THAT HRC REQUEST APPROPRIATE UN AGENCIES GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY GOB IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND OTHER SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC SERVICES. WG EXPLAINS THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE MAY ENABLE GOB TO ELIMINATE CAUSES OF FUTURE TRIBAL CONFLICT.

(C) GUYANA- NO FURTHER ACTION RECOMMENDED.

(D) INDONESIA- OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED FROM GOI WERE CONSIDERED BY WORKING GROUP WHICH EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SLOW PROCESS IN DETERMINING CASES OF LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL DETAINEES. WG RECOMMENDS THAT HRC INVITE GOI CONTINUE KEEP HRC INFORMED OF STEPS BEING TAKEN TO BRING DETAINEES TO TRIAL OR TO RELEASE THOSE AGAINST WHOM NO EVIDENCE APPEARS TO EXIST.

(E) TANZANIA- NO FURTHER ACTION RECOMMENDED.

(F) UK- WORKING GROUP TAKES NOTE OF STEPS TAKEN BY UK TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION AND INSTITUTE CORRECTIVE MEASURES. WG RECOMMENDS HRC INVITE HMG TO REPORT ON RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS. ALSO RECOMMENDS HRC REQUEST COUNCIL OF EUROPE MAKE AVAILABLE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION. WG EXPRESSED VIEW THERE HAD BEEN VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

(G) PORTUGAL- NO FURTHER ACTION RECOMMENDED.

(H) IRAN- WORKING GROUP FOUND ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GOI SKETCHY AND UNSUBSTANTIATED. WG DECIDED THAT ALLEGATIONS, IF SUBSTANTIATED, WOULD GIVE RISE TO SERIOUS CONCERN. NO ACTION RECOMMENDED.

(I) CHILE- WORKING GROUP EXPRESSED VIEW COMMUNICATIONS ON RECORD DISCLOSED SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE. WG DECIDED COMMUNICATIONS WOULD BE RELEVANT TO ANY ACTION HRC MIGHT WISH TO TAKE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE.

(J) ISRAEL- WORKING GROUP DECIDED SITUATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS REVEALED BY COMMUNICATIONS WAS OF SUCH A SERIOUS NATURE AS TO BE RELEVANT TO ANY ACTION WHICH HRC MIGHT WISH TO TAKE IN ITS CONSIDERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

(K) UGANDA- WORKING GROUP REPORTS RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FROM UGANDAN PERREP TO UN INDICATING DESIRE TO REPLY TO ALLEGATIONS. WG REPLIED, EXPRESSING HOPE GOU OBSERVATIONS WOULD BE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR SUBMISSION TO HRC AT 31ST SESSION. WORKING GROUP DECIDED IN VIEW OF ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN COMMUNICA-

TIONS THAT HRC SHOULD CONSIDER SITUATION PURSUANT TO ECOSOC RES 1503, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY OBSERVATIONS THAT MIGHT BE RECEIVED FROM GOU.

4. WORKING GROUP REPORTS THAT ALL DECISIONS ARRIVED AT BY CONSENSUS. REPORT CONTAINS FOLLOWING CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH:
QTE. 9. IN PERFORMING ITS TASK, THE WORKING GROUP WAS ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT SITTING AS A COURT TO PASS JUDGEMENTS ON GOVERNMENTS, NOR TO APPORTION BLAME. THE MEMBERS WERE MOTIVATED BY THE NEED TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THEM, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO CREATE A CLIMATE IN WHICH A DIALOGUE CAN BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND GOVERNMENTS, AIMED AT THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. END QTE. DALE

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